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1. ONLY LIBERAL DAILY 'CUMHURRIYET' NOVEMBER 16

REPORTED NUNN-BARTLETT COMMENTS ON NATO DEFENSES AS CONTAINED

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IN INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY ACCOUNTS FROM WASHINGTON.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS HAVE NOT COMMENTED EDITORIALY AND WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY OFFICIAL REACTIONS TO THE NUNN-BARTLETT ANALYSIS AND PROPOSALS.

2. IN RECENT DAYS, TURKISH PRESS HAS FOCUSED ON SECRETARY-GENERAL LUNS' VISIT TO U.S. AND WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE. TURKISH RADIO AND TV NOVEMBER 19 REPORTED SYG LUNS SAID IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM LONDON THAT THE EUROPEAN ALLIES WOULD SEEK WAYS TO ASSIST TURKEY IF ARMS EMBARGO CONTINUES UNDER CARTER ADMINISTRATION. AT SAME TIME, LUNS REPORTEDLY NOTED THAT "SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THEMSELVES ARE WAITING FOR AMERICAN AID FOR THEIR ARMS NEEDS." LUNS ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS AWARE OF "GRAVITY" OF SITUATION REGARDING THE ARMS EMBARGO AS WELL AS TURKEY'S IMPORTANCE TO THE NATO ALLIANCE.

3. CONSERVATIVE DAILY 'TERCUMAN' REPORTED NOVEMBER 20 THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER ASSURED NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS' MEETING IN WILLIAMSBURG THAT U.S. WILL STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH NATO. ACCORDING TO UNNAMED WASHINGTON SOURCES, CONTINUED 'TERCUMAN', PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER HAS SAID THAT HE "WOULD WORK WITH ALL HIS MIGHT" TO ELIMINATE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY AND PAPER COMMENTED THAT CARTER'S "BRAINTRUST" WILL EXAMINE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND U.S. RELATIONS WITH TURKEY IN LIGHT OF REALITIES RATHER THAN CAMPAIGN TACTICS.

4. MEANWHILE, DAILY PAPERS NOVEMBER 20 QUOTED CINCSOUTH ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER AS SAYING IN IZMIR THAT NATO'S SOUTHEASTERN FLANK "HAS NOT BEEN FUNCTIONING FOR 27 MONTHS" BECAUSE OF GREECE'S MILITARY PULLOUT FROM THE ALLIANCE. ADMIRAL TURNER ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE MONTHS TO GET SOUTHEASTERN FLANK OF NATO OPERATING AGAIN, EVEN IF GREECE RETURNED TO NATO TODAY. HE WAS ALSO REPORTED AS SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO PROTECT TURKEY AND GREECE AGAINST AGGRESSION IF YUGOSLAVIA CAME UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE AFTER TITO'S DEATH.

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